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1. The Ministry of Foreign Trade in Moscow, following a request by the SMA Planning Department, has promised to deliver 90,000 tons of rolled iron to the Soviet Zone of Germany between 15 September and 31 December 1948. The shipments will be handled by trusted firms such as Krupp, Kloeckner, Ravenne. Of these 90,000 tons, approximately 68,000 tons will go to German firms, while the remaining 22,000 tons will be diverted to Soviet AGs.
2. The department of Machine Construction of the DUK was asked by the SMA to specify the quantities to be distributed among German firms and to base its calculations upon requirements for current reparations orders. The department was told that any amount above reparations needs could be diverted to the German market. It is planned that approximately 25,000 tons of iron from the German allocation will be applied toward the improvement of the railroads.

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